

# Common knowledge

(and possible worlds semantics)

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$$E_G^1 A \iff \bigwedge_{i \in G} K_i A$$

$$C_G A \iff \bigwedge_{k > 0} E_G^k A$$

$$E_G^{k+1} A \iff E_G E_G^k A$$

*Let  $M$  be any  $K$ . structure. There holds:*

- $M \models C_G \alpha \rightarrow E_G (\alpha \ \& \ C_G \alpha)$
- If  $M \models \varphi \rightarrow E_G (\psi \ \& \ \varphi)$ , then  $M \models \varphi \rightarrow C_G \psi$   
**(Induction Rule)**



Following formulas are valid:

$$(i) \quad (C_G A \wedge C_G (A \rightarrow B)) \rightarrow C_G B$$

$$(ii) \quad C_G A \rightarrow A$$

$$(iii) \quad C_G A \rightarrow C_G C_G A$$

$$(iv) \quad \neg C_G A \rightarrow C_G \neg C_G A$$

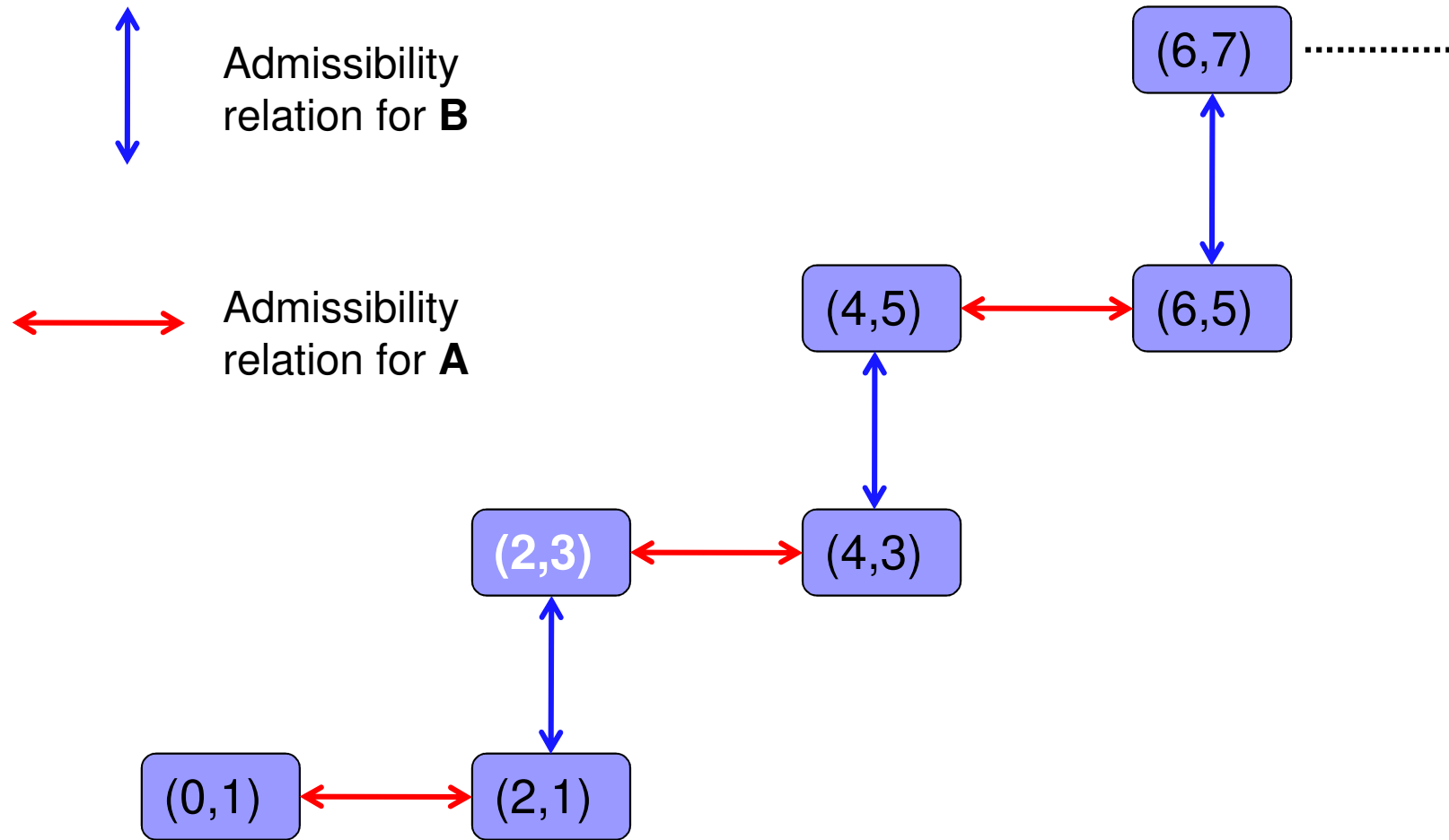
The assumptions about the relations  $K_i$  are the same as in case of knowledge of individual agents.

# Anna a Bob

**Ann** and **Bob** take part in a quizz. First, the organizer selects from an urn a natural number  $n$ , that he writes on the forehead of one of the players and continues by writing the neighboring number (either  $n+1$  or  $n-1$ ) on the forehead of the second player. Neither **Ann** nor **Bob** knows her/his number – each sees only the other's forehead. They can take turns in announcing nothing but „*I do not know my number.*“ or „*I know my number.*“

Suppose A has on her forehead 3 and B has 4.

- Draw the corresponding Kripke structure.
- Do they have some common knowledge, e.g. that their numbers are smaller than 100?



## Valid property

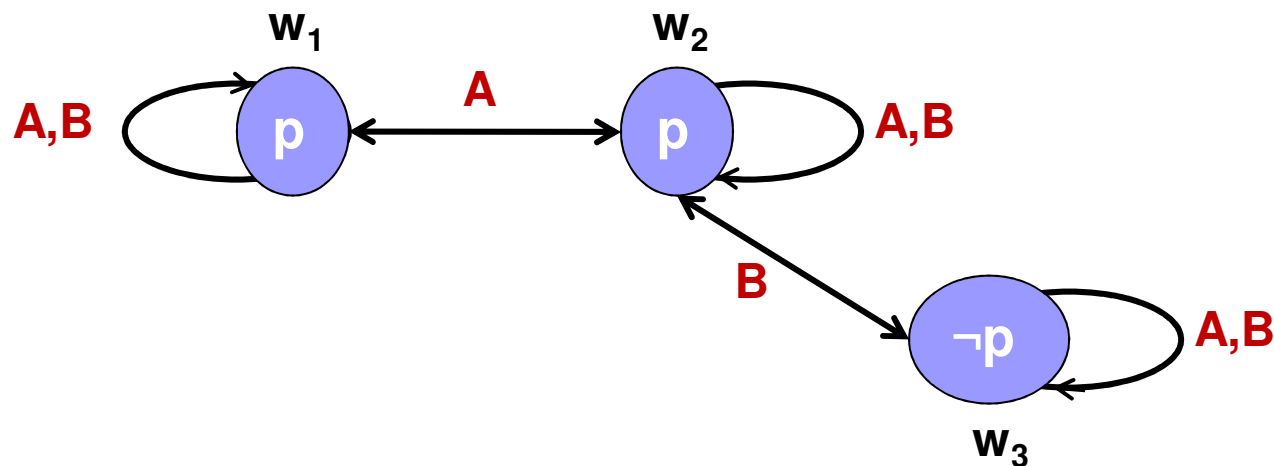
(Lemma on the slide 27 of Lecture Mo1)

It can be proven for any Kripke structure  $\mathbf{M}$ , its state  $\mathbf{s}$ , a formula  $\varphi$ , group of agents  $\mathbf{G}$  and  $k > 0$  that

- $(\mathbf{M}, \mathbf{s}) \models \mathbf{E}_{\mathbf{G}}^k \varphi$  iff  $(\mathbf{M}, \mathbf{v}) \models \varphi$  for any state  $\mathbf{v}$ , that is  $\mathbf{G}$  reachable from the state  $\mathbf{s}$  in  $k$  steps.
- $(\mathbf{M}, \mathbf{s}) \models \mathbf{C}_{\mathbf{G}} \varphi$  iff  $(\mathbf{M}, \mathbf{v}) \models \varphi$  for any state  $\mathbf{v}$ , that is  $\mathbf{G}$  reachable fro, the state  $\mathbf{s}$ .

Consequently, Ann and Bob cannot have a common knowledge on the upper bound of their numbers (the corresponding Kripke structure must contain numbers of arbitrarily high values).

# Is there a difference between common knowledge and a fact everyone knows?



Compare truth evaluation of formula  $E p$  and  $C p$  in the state  $w_1$  !

# Mr. Product and Mr.Sum

The organizer of a quizz selected from an urn 2 natural numbers  $x$  and  $y$  from the domain  $\{2,3,4, \dots, 14\}$ . He did not inform anyone about these numbers but he provided a hint to Mr. **S** by saying him the value of their sum, ie.  $x+y$  and a different hint to Mr.**P** who obtained info about their product, ie.  $x*y$ .

Both men **P** and **S** started to reason:

1. Mr. **P** said „I do not know the considered numbers  $x,y$ .“
  2. Mr. **S** answered „I knew, you do not know.“
  3. Mr. **P** continued „Now, I know both numbers“
- ❖ Verify if selection of numbers 3 and 6 would result in this dialog.
  - ❖ Suggest the next sentence of Mr.**S**.

Provide your solutions via the upload system by 23.5. 9:00 am!